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FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2016

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on April 21, 2016, and came to order at 6:02 p.m. Those present were: Dana Escott, Randy Lowder, Nick Novich, Bill Holden, Chad Armstrong, Tom Leo, Bob Lancaster, Colton Hellwinkel, and Commissioners Ron Nye and David Schulz. Dana Escott took minutes.

Minutes: Nick moved to approve the March 17, 2016, minutes with no corrections. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Budget: Cash is \$38,518.80. Vicki recommended to the Fair Board not to spend any additional funds before year end. There is a budget meeting for the new fiscal year on May 4, 2016, at 1:00 pm, at the Commissioners Office. Chad Armstrong arrived at 6:08 pm and Commissioner Nye arrived at 6:10 pm.

Bills: The list of bills for April, 2016, was presented to the Fair Board. Tom moved to approve the bills. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Input on Agenda and/or Non Agenda Items: None.

Communications: None.

REPORTS:

4-H: None.

FFA: Twin Bridges FFA is hosting their annual spring banquet on April 28, in the Pavilion at 6:00 pm.

Livestock Committee: None

Fair Board Report: None.

Fair Manager Report: The gray truck is knocking and Allhands Auto is coming to get it and look at the problem.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

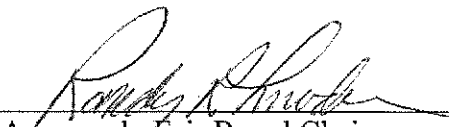
1. **Arena Committee:** Bill proposed putting together an arena committee which is controlled by the Board to help with events. Further discussion was that a Fair Board member will be the Chairperson of the committee and all money will be run through the county. Nick moved to form an arena committee with Bill as the Chairperson. Chad seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
2. **Twin Bridges FFA-Water System:** Colton advised that he has researched many options for water for their FFA community garden and the costs seem to be very high. They have approximately one acre to irrigate. Colton asked the Board if they could hook on to the well by the arena and run a line to their project area. The line would run down the alley in front of the grandstands. There would be options of the Board using the line and adding spickets for watering in pens on the west end of the arena. The FFA will pay for the cost of installing the line running from the well house. Once it is installed, the Fair

Board will maintain the line. Tom moved to allow the Twin Bridges FFA to tap into the well and run a line to their project ground. Nick seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Further discussion was that any property owned by the Twin Bridges FFA, they will retain ownership, (i.e. structures and equipment) unless otherwise agreed upon.

3. **Gravel:** Nick approach the commissioners about gravel for the parking lots and other projects on the fairgrounds.
4. **Fair Manager Wages:** Dana handed out a revenue comparison spreadsheet from the last ten years showing the growth of the Fair revenue. With the growth of activities and the job description changing over the years, the Fair Manager position isn't really a part time job any more. Dana provided a copy of the handbook page showing that she is entitled to insurance per the number of hours the county requires for insurance. Further discussion was that the facility events have grown considerably over the last ten years and the requirements for the job have changed also. Dana advised that she markets the facility to encourage events, has written grants, and brought on new events besides the fair. The sponsorship program which was started a few years ago has brought in a considerable amount of revenue to add to the Fair Board's budget and help offset fair costs. Dana is one of the lowest paid supervisors in the county per the handout of the county's salaries. Dana proposed \$2,000 a month plus insurance. Chad moved to recommend to the commissioners' that Dana's salary be raised to \$2,000 monthly plus insurance. Nick seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. The Fair Board will discuss this with the commissioners at the preliminary budget hearing.
5. **Summer Employees:** Chad moved to hire the attached list of employees for the summer. Tom seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Dana will send a recommendation to the commissioners.
6. **Bylaws:** No action.
7. **Building Update**
 - a. **Planning Grant:** The fair board met with the Commissioners and Craig Erickson (Great West Engineering) to discuss applying for a planning grant to proceed with a floodplain evaluation for the fairgrounds. There are some grants available to help with the cost of preparing the floodplain assessment. Chad moved to apply for the planning grant and to make a recommendation to the commissioners to proceed. Tom seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.
8. **Fair**
 - a. **Miscellaneous:** Entertainment is in place for the fair. The fair book is in the process of being prepared. We are working on sponsorships, advertising, and preparing for rodeo events.

Unfinished Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. Next meeting, May 19, 2016, at 7:00 pm. Minutes typed and prepared by Dana Escott.


Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date 5/17/16
And/or Vice Chairperson